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EDITORIAL

My first thought on taking over the editorship was that Robbie is going to be a very hard act to follow! My second was that it is unlikely that I shall manage 24 years at the helm. My third may have related to a glass of something.

Seriously, I am immensely grateful to Robbie for his advice and help as I start work, and although he has promised to be available 24/7 I will try not to call him at silly times with silly questions. I also hope, along with everyone in Kilve, that he is continuing to recover from his recent accident.

One of his most helpful and interesting actions was to give me copies of the back issues, starting with the first edition in 1987. I found them fascinating to read through, and to discover that although there have been many changes in the village since then, there are also a number of topics that still appear on a regular basis (speeding and footpaths, for example). I also found items that have disappeared without trace, such as a bypass for the village, which was suggested in the late 1980s.

I am also grateful to all the people who have made lovely comments about my appointment. I very much hope that these comments will be followed by contributions to Kilve News.

I started reading Kilve News online before we actually moved here, to get a feel for the village that we were joining. I thought then, and still think, that Kilve is a warm, welcoming and vibrant village, with much happening. The past two years have not been easy for anyone, but the spirit of the village is still in evidence and I hope that you will help me represent it in these pages. Otherwise you will be reading a lot about Jago and the bees!

Jenny

(For those who don't know, Jago is our border collie, and the bees belong to my husband Neil, who contributed the Honeybee Diaries to Kilve News last year.)

STOP PRESS

Well, we survived! The unholy trinity of Storms Dudley, Eunice and Franklin did their worst, and it was pretty bad. 51 hours without power, and at the time of writing still no mobile signal, but we got through it.

I say without power, but perhaps I should have said without electricity, because what the events of 18-20 February revealed was the power of the village community to come together and help each other. There are almost too many instances to mention, but people checked on vulnerable neighbours, shared food, lent candles, torches and camping stoves; door-to-door visits made sure that we all knew the latest updates, and volunteers delivered take-away food.

I still don't know all the heroes, so I don't want to name a few and miss out many more but I will particularly thank Matt and Charlotte of Kilve Stores and Paul and Tracey and their staff of the Hood Arms. Both couples went to great lengths to provide a service as close to normal as possible, and we are all very grateful. I've heard great reports about the Sunday lunch! We should also thank the local PCSOs who came to make sure that we were coping, and of course the engineers who worked in appalling conditions to restore the service.

Finally, one bright spot — I'm sure that the enforced digital detox of 51 hours without mobile phones, computers, tablets and so on was really good for us!

WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome two new families in Millands Lane. Sally and Tony Cardwell now live at no 17, and Bob and Hazel Howard, with their dogs Zula and Heidi, have moved into Ashridge.

We hope that you will all have a long and happy time in Kilve.

CONGRATULATIONS (1)

Many of you will recall that a few months ago Mel and Ali Davison set off, with Suzy Gacon and their cousins Sophie and Chris, plus dogs, on a UK tour to raise awareness of the National Brain Appeal.

Thanks in no small measure to so many friends in Kilve, we are truly delighted to inform you that they managed to raise the magnificent sum of £10785.00.

Congratulations and grateful thanks to all who supported them.

CONGRATULATIONS (2)

And congratulations to Karen Scott on her appointment as Clerk to Kilve Parish Council.

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PROPOSED PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS JUNE 2022

A small organising committee has been set up to plan and organise a four day programme for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration.

Plans are very much in their infancy at the moment but it is hoped that a full week-end of events will take place along the ideas currently proposed.

THURSDAY 2 JUNE (Bank Holiday)

pm Cricket Match at the Cricket Ground: The Cricket Club versus the Village.

Evening Lighting of the Beacon. As part of the national scheme, Kilve will be having its own beacon which is to be built on the land adjacent to the seashore and lit at 9.45 pm.

Prior to this you are invited to bring a picnic or avail yourselves of the arrangements which are being organised at the Cricket Club, i.e. barbecue, licensed bar and music.

FRIDAY 3 JUNE (Bank Holiday)

Evening Wine and Cheese party in the Village Hall.

SATURDAY 4 JUNE

4pm Flower Cascade at St Mary's Church.
Afternoon tea and cake.

5pm 'Songs of Praise at St Mary's

pm till late 'Village Night' at the Hood Arms.
Buffet, music and lots of fun.

SUNDAY 5 JUNE

10 am to 3 pm Fun for all the children with a full programme of activities at Kilve Court

12 noon THE BIG LUNCH A get together at Kilve Court for everyone in the village, including visiting family and friends.

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In the next edition of Kilve News (April) we will publish more details of the various events and what we would like you to do in letting us know, for instance, if you are attending or supporting any of the planned events. Here are a few things which you might feel able to do during the interim period.



We are looking for some kind-hearted businesses or individuals who would be happy to make a donation to our funds (which will help out with the expenses which will be incurred), or perhaps a raffle prize. If you would like to be included, you are asked to contact Sheila Collins, who will give you all the details. Although specific amounts will not be divulged, a full list of donors will be acknowledged in our May update.

HELPING HANDS



Not unsurprisingly, we shall be seeking volunteers to help out with various aspects of the celebrations, such as help with children's activities, cakes for the Saturday afternoon tea, and certainly for the setting up and clearing up of the Big Lunch event.

YOUR helping hand would be very much appreciated and if you would be kind enough to contact one of the organising committee members, we can make a note of your kind offer and act accordingly

YOUR ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Sheila Collins (741077)

Alison and Bruce Eyley (741317)

Simon Blackley (741549)

Robbie Rutt (741594)

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Any suggestions or ideas are always welcome.





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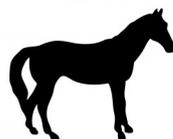
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KILVE READING GROUP

from Sue Hares

The Group does not usually meet in January but as The Hood was open we thought it would be nice to have a purely social get together with a drink for the New Year. This turned out to be a lovely cosy evening in front of the welcoming Hood fire – well done, Tracey.

The February meeting enjoyed a full turn out and a brilliant book to discuss, *The Drowned City* by K.J. Maitland. Having said it was a brilliant book this is not quite true as nobody particularly enjoyed it! Nobody totally disliked it either. It was a compelling tale set in Bristol after the tsunami, which was the subject of our last book. It was an excellent follow on from the previous read and it was basically a “whodunit” against a backdrop of King James’s paranoia concerning witchcraft and treason.

It was very well written and so evocative of the dark, dreary times portraying a sea of mud, poor food, anarchy – you name it, it was there (you could almost smell the seal’s head brawn). One member described it as “menacingly macabre” and that really says it all. It should only be read in the darkest months of winter!

Sadly the Group is still at full capacity.



The next ‘Ladies who lunch’ meal at The Hood will be Thursday 31st March, from 12noon!! If you are interested in joining us, please let me know.

Kelly

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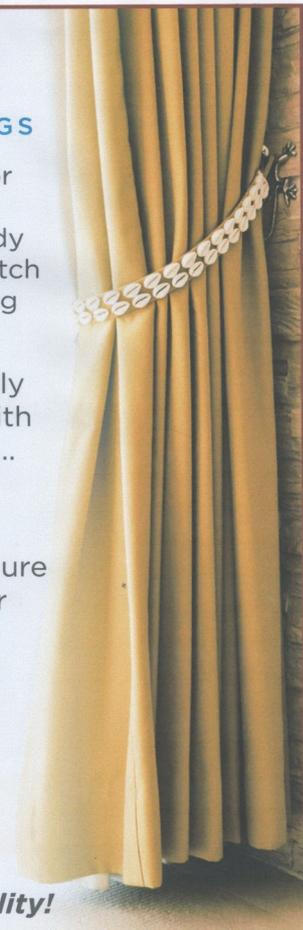
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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

January saw the start of the next 6-month 100 club; the winners were:

1st Jenny Kent 2nd Mark Stanway

100 Club tickets are still available at coffee mornings and from the Village Stores. Please support your Village Hall!

Diary dates

26 February Coffee Morning with bacon baps £2/coffee £1.
Seed Swap – too many of one kind? Want to try new vegetables or flowers annual or perennial? Why not try out the seed swap?

18 March Film Night – *King Richard* (following the life and times of Venus and Serena Williams' father) Bar open 7 pm
Film start 7.30 pm.

Tickets (£5) available from the Village Stores, Committee members, or on the door.

26 March Coffee Morning and **Easter Bake Off competition.**

- ◆ Classes for Cake and Bread making.
- ◆ Entry fees Adults £2 Children £1.
- ◆ 1st & 2nd prizes for both Children and Adults.
- ◆ All entries to be in Village Hall Denovan room by 10.15 am for judging.



22 April Film Night – *The Last Bus* (unfortunately *The Courier* has been withdrawn by the distributor)

30 April AGM 10.am followed at 10.30 by Coffee and Cakes.

28 May Coffee Morning (Coffee & Cake) & Plant Sale.

3 June — Jubilee Weekend Friday afternoon Children's events. Friday evening Cheese and Wine Evening hosted by Hall Committee

25 June Coffee Morning

2 July Open Gardens/ Art & Crafts in Village Hall
Please, we still need more people willing to open their gardens 10 – 4.

- ◆ Craft/Art tables £5.
- ◆ Pictures for sale – 10% sale price.
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- ◆ Artists to supply own display medium.

Further information from Ailsa (01278 741609) or members of the committee.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

From Issue 98 March 1997

Two items caught my eye, both relating to footpaths.

The first welcomed the widening of the coastal footpath between Kilve and East Quantoxhead, which had previously been very narrow and muddy.

The second mentioned the possibility of a footpath between the village and Rowditch Lane. What an interesting idea!



OUR NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will be for April.

Contributions for the 355th edition to the Editor (contact details on page 1) or the Village Stores (marked Kilve News)



Please note

NO LATER THAN 15 MARCH

If you have reports, adverts or contributions ready before the deadline please let us have them as soon as possible. It greatly helps having them well in advance of the 15th.

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Kilve's organiser is Arthur Williams (741429), email Art_1948@yahoo.co.uk.

If you don't already use the scheme, why not contact Arthur now to take advantage of it?

TONY DUTTON

It is with much sadness that we have to record the passing of Tony Dutton.

Tony was a very long standing resident of Kilve, and a very private person. He will be well remembered by many a person walking down Sea Lane, who were always greeted by a cheery hello and a wave when he was outside his house.

On behalf of the village we extend much sympathy to his family.

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The 2021 season concluded with a Christmas match at Cannington, where festive jumpers and hats were worn. A record number of 15 players took part. Bruce Eyley won the 18 hole competition, Peter Smetzer the 9 hole competition, and Mark Walton the Nearest the Pin prize. The match was followed by a Christmas Buffet provided by Cannington GC.

2022 was launched with our annual match at Minehead versus the Nether Stowey "Has Beens". A closely fought match was decided by Dan Sefton's Nearest the Pin shot, which meant Kilve Golf Klub retained the trophy.

2022 sees a similar format to last year. There will be monthly 9 hole competitions at Cannington GC and a monthly 18 hole "away days" match, at a variety of courses around Somerset. The first event of the year saw John Hoare win the 9 hole competition at Cannington, with Steve Payne winning the Putting competition. Social events will include a summer BBQ and an Awards evening at the end of the year in the Hood Arms.

The membership now totals 16 players including a small but growing Ladies section. If you would like to find out more, please contact Mark Walton tel: 741095 or mtwalton@btinternet.com



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Every other Wednesday 10.30 until 12.00

Recent events at the Café included our 3rd birthday celebration in January with Jan Ford reciting some of her own poems for us. In February we celebrated The Chinese New Year of the Tiger, with Julie from Age Concern UK demonstrating Tai Chi. She explained the health benefits of this gentle form of exercise which offers harmony between the body and mind. We all joined in with great enthusiasm! Our meeting on 14 February included Saint Valentine's celebrations.

Dates for March

Wednesday 2 March — Singing

Wednesday 16 March — Coffee and chat

Wednesday 30 March — Coffee and chat

Forget-Me-Not Cafés provide support, companionship and a warm welcome to those who are recognising issues with their memory, as well as their carers, family, and friends.

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For more information please contact

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CALLING ALL BIKERS!

Barry Jordan is a motor bike fan who does enjoy his rides out. He doesn't have anyone locally to ride out with and he is looking for like-minded bikers to head out with him for a couple of hours on the occasional Sunday, but maybe regularly if the interest is there.

He is arranging a meet up on Sunday 20 March at 10am (weather permitting), to head out to Minehead, maybe as far as Lynmouth. The bikes could meet in the car park by the village hall at 9.45am and go off together at 10am.

If you are interested, you can contact Barry on 07983539600, or email him at Barryjordan007@gmail.com





KILVE FLORAL CASCADE

(Sponsored by Kilve News)

Thanks to all our creative friends, we have now reached our target of 1600 flowers. This really is an incredible achievement for our small village in such a short time!

We will begin sewing flowers onto the netting from March. Steve and Sheila Collins have kindly offered their barn at Putsham Farmhouse to set out the cascade and allow volunteers to join in. We are going to need lots of help and everyone is very welcome. It is a very simple process and guidance will be available.

Sewing sessions will be advertised in advance. Please join us if you can.

If you still have flowers to donate, please let us have them ASAP so that they can be included.

Thank you for your continued support.

Claire Walton 01278 741095

Pat Woolley 01278 741157



KILVE QUIET LANES PROGRESS

At the January meeting of the Kilve Lanes Traffic Committee we had the great pleasure of talking to Matthew Prince, the Highways Commissioning Manager from Somerset County Council. He was very positive about the benefits that Quiet Lanes would bring to Kilve and supports the Active Transport initiatives that he is championing.

It was a breath of fresh air to hear him request our ‘gold plated plan for Kilve highways infrastructure’ as this is the most efficient way of using scarce engineering resources at SCC. So we have produced our wish list, in addition to the Quiet Lanes report, to fix the things that are broken, address some of the hazards that the A39 creates and to look at the flood controls.

For more information, please look on the Kilve Village website at <https://killevillage.uk/parish-council/> or contact one of the committee members below.

Bruce Eyley, Karen Scott, Pat Woolley, Greg Glendell, Graham Keating. Contact details for parish councillors can also be found on the website.

“PLEASE DON’T RAIN ON MY PARADE”

From Peter Hares

Certainly that was the hope of a particular group, of which I was part, at the Tower Of London on the morning of Sunday 13 February 2022. We were there because the Royal Military Police have a long history of association with the Tower of London and the Yeoman Warders, and this association is celebrated annually through attendance at a church parade within the Tower.

Unpleasant weather, caused by an area of low pressure, had brought heavy rain and strong winds to the west earlier on that day and was headed eastwards. All was well as the parade formed up and marched off — a Pipe Band leading, followed by Provost Officers, NCOs of 253 Provost Company and some twenty of the ‘Old and the Bold’ in their civilian ‘uniform’ of blazers, red berets and (highly polished) cap badges.

The parade marched smartly up through the Tower precincts towards the Chapel of St Peter Ad Vincula — a spectacle much appreciated by members of the public making an early visit to this popular tourist attraction. The service within the chapel proved as uplifting as ever with well-known hymns and a rather special sermon delivered by the RMP Chaplain, containing moving and humorous reference to his service in Iraq.

The return march required care — downhill and over cobbles — but was rewarded with coffee, tea and biscuits in the Yeoman Warders’ Club. Most importantly, of course, this welcome break also provided the opportunity to catch up with old friends and comrades and maybe spin a few yarns.



GENTLEMEN’S LUNCH

The next gentlemen’s lunch is on Tuesday 8 March at The Hood.

To book, please contact Arthur on 01278 741429 or Art_1948@yahoo.co.uk